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Title image: Kurt Fluri, Mayor of Solothurn
Photo: Thomas Rathgeb

Dear stamp lovers

Swiss Post is kicking off the new year for philately with the first stamp issue for 2020. Once again, we have put together a treasure trove of new products for you and are commemorating major historical and cultural anniversaries on unique special stamps.

2000 years Solothurn town: the second oldest and most beautiful baroque town in Switzerland is celebrating its 2000th anniversary. Happy birthday! We are paying tribute to this event with a sheetlet that highlights the unique atmosphere of this town on the Aare River.

Two special stamps are dedicated to sporting highlights:
the sports-themed stamp "Ice Hockey World Championship in Switzerland" is very much influenced by this year's Ice Hockey World Championship that will be held in Zurich and Lausanne, and the special stamp "125 years Swiss Football Association" pays tribute to Switzerland's largest sporting association. A real treat for football fans! We are upholding regional traditions with a powerful special stamp marking the 100th anniversary of livestock farming of the Hérens breed, and our special stamps dedicated to the anniversaries of the National Library and the Engelberg Monastery pay tribute to two outstanding cultural institutions. The achievements of the Fire Brigade Association, which has a membership of 85,000 firefighters and 150 years of history under its belt, and the work of Pro Infirmis will also be honoured with special stamps to mark their anniversaries. We are lending our support to the plant health initiative adopted by the UN with a unique stamp that raises awareness of the dangers of accidentally introduced plant pests.

Last but not least, I am delighted that our online magazine has been given a new look, with lots of additional, valuable information on individual special stamps and philately products. Find out more at swisspost.ch/stamps

On that note, I hope all stamp enthusiasts enjoy reading this issue.

Claudia Frankl
Head of Stamps & Philately

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Review
The art of brewing beer at the Altes Tramdepot in Berne

On Friday, 6 September 2019, Marcel Kreber, Director of the Schweizer Brauerei Verband (Swiss Brewery Association) was thrilled with the official presentation of the new special stamps dedicated to "The art of brewing beer". The stamps, featuring the two motifs "Lager beer" and "Dark beer", were presented by Bernhard Kallen, Head of Stamps & Philately Product Management at Swiss Post.

The designer Dina Mory from Zurich was also in attendance. She captured the theme on the tiny stamp just as creatively as in the first-day cancellations and in the motif on the first-day cover. She very proudly signed our stamp products.

The Stamps & Philately team would like to take this opportunity to once again say a big thank you to partners Thomas Baumann, founder and owner of the Altes Tramdepot in Berne, and Michael Kräuchi, member of the Board of Directors at Bern Welcome. They made it possible to hold this presentation and press conference in an absolutely perfect environment. After all, as a brewery, the Altes Tramdepot is itself a member of the association.

From left to right: Bernhard Kallen, Dina Mory and Marcel Kreber.
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Dina Mory and Bernhard Kallen present the new stamps.
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Unveiling of the "Dark beer" and "Lager beer" stamps.
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International Year of Plant Health

The United Nations designates specific days, weeks, years or decades as occasions to mark certain events or themes in order to promote the organization's goals through action and awareness-raising. In 2020, plant health will take center stage.

Certain plants are in danger: global trade and travel mean that new plant diseases and pests are reaching Switzerland more and more frequently. As a consequence of climate change, the risk of freshly introduced pests potentially becoming permanent residents here and then spreading is increasing, which can have a major impact. To raise awareness of this ever-growing threat and spur people into action, the UN has named 2020 the "International Year of Plant Health".

This goal is represented by a Japanese beetle in the stamp motif on the CHF 0.85 stamp, designed by Angelo Boog. This bug, which was introduced into Italy a few years ago, can now be found in Switzerland as well, in southern Ticino. Over 300 species of wild plants and crops are food for the Japanese beetle, including fruit trees and the vine illustrated on the stamp. Thanks to the five white tufts of hair on its side, it is easy to tell the Japanese beetle apart from the garden chafer and the cockchafer. Anyone who spots this beetle must report it to the plant protection authority in their canton.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A302 150	A302 550	0.85
Block of four	A302 160	A302 560	3.40
Sheet of 20 stamps	A302 111	A302 511	17.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A302 580	1.75
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A302 630	4.30
Unstamped cover C6	A302 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A302 640	A302 650	1.65

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Année internationale de la santé des végétaux
Anno internazionale della salute delle piante
International Year of Plant Health

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 27.2.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 5.3.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 194×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13½
Design	Angelo Boog, Dietlikon

Interview on the Japanese beetle with Louis Sutter and Peter Kupferschmied, research assistants at the Federal Office for Agriculture.

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The Japanese beetle has reached Switzerland. What exactly does that mean?
The beetle, originally from Japan, was brought to the USA at the beginning of the 20th century. In the 1970s, the beetle first appeared in Europe, on the Azores. It spreads in numerous ways: it is transported by people on long journeys, usually as a stowaway. This means we can assume the Japanese beetle was unintentionally brought to northern Italy by plane. As a result, there was a risk of fully grown beetles "hitch-hiking" their way into Switzerland from the infested area in Italy by car. If the beetle in question is a fertilized female, then there is a danger of the Japanese beetle becoming a permanent resident in Switzerland. What's more, Japanese beetles can also fly several kilometres by themselves and travel into Switzerland this way. Even the larvae and eggs can be transported in the root balls of plants or in earth.

How exactly can we prevent the Japanese beetle from entering the country?
People can reduce the spread of the Japanese beetle by ensuring they do not bring plant souvenirs such as potted plants back to Switzerland from infested areas. Anyone travelling through the infested area in Milan should also check there are no Japanese beetles "hiding" in their luggage or in their vehicle as stowaways. Additionally, it is crucial to raise awareness among the Swiss public so that we can detect any potential local outbreaks in good time and in turn prevent them from spreading. Anyone who spots or suspects a Japanese beetle here in Switzerland should report this as soon as possible to the plant protection authority in their canton. This is absolutely vital, because only by intervening quickly can we hope to prevent local infestations or at least stop the Japanese beetle population from spreading. Once Japanese beetles have become firmly established in a region, it is too late, and we are forced to find ways of living with them.

What should I do if I see a Japanese beetle in my garden or orchard?
The Japanese beetle is similar to the indigenous garden chafer, but it is possible to tell it apart because of the five tufts of white hair on both of its sides and the two tufts of hair on its last abdominal segment. If you spot these beetles, you must report the incident to the plant protection authority in your canton immediately. If possible, you should capture the Japanese beetle and keep it in a safe place for the plant protection authority.

Miniature sheet

900 years Engelberg Monastery

When monks arrived in this region in the High Middle Ages, it is said that they were greeted by singing angels. This is where Engelberg Monastery, founded in 1120, and the nearby town get their name. The prominent mountain, where the singing was heard, is now called Hahnen and is Engelberg's local mountain.

Ever since it was founded, the Benedictine monastery has shaped the history of the high valley. Following the founding of the Engelberg writing school in the mid-1100s, it has played a leading role in education, and today, it has its own training campus.

The current monastery building was built after its third fire in 1729 and is one of the largest baroque buildings in Central Switzerland. The monastery's church is in fact also a parish church. In the western gallery, you will find the organ. With its 9097 pipes distributed across 137 stops, it is the largest organ in Switzerland and one of the largest in the world.

The idea behind the miniature sheet is to present the monastery as a living and breathing place. This is illustrated by the lights in the windows, as well as the people in the forecourt. White curves convey a dynamic quality, and the blue colour scheme represents power, energy, warmth and balance. The Hahnen mountain sits majestically in the background.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Miniature sheet	A304 315	A304 815	1.00
Covers			
Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6		A304 580	2.00
Covers without miniature sheet C6 (162×114 mm) E6 (200×140 mm)	 A304 700 A304 701		 0.90 1.00
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A304 640	A304 650	1.80

Miniature sheet on first-day cover E6

Technical information	
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Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 64×55 mm Miniature sheet: 105×70 mm
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	11¾:12
Design	Oliver Fuchs & Jan Schweizer, Stansstad

Special stamp

100 years Swiss Federation of livestock farming of the Hérens breed

The moment just before the two rivals meet, dust is thrown up by their hooves and their eyes are locked on one another – this typical moment for the Hérens cow is captured on the special stamp marking the 100th anniversary of the Swiss Federation of livestock farming of the Hérens breed.

In her design, Visp-based designer Barbara Seiler really captures the powerful nature of the breed. Hérens cows are a remnant of the cattle population that originally inhabited the entire stretch of land between the Austrian Alps and the Savoy. Mentioned for the first time in 1859, the Hérens cow was recognized as a distinct Swiss breed in 1884, and this was followed by the founding of the Swiss Federation of livestock farming of the Hérens breed in 1920. This association follows the zootechnical principles of selection and sets the standard for the breed. There are 64 breeding cooperatives today, with a combined population of just over 6,000 pure-breed Hérens cows within the Federation.

In the Alps, rank within the herd is decided by fights. Duelling with other cows of the same species is typical behaviour for the Hérens breed. This is how rank is determined within the herd in the Alps, and the traditional cow fight exemplifies this behaviour.

Fights of this kind are held every year in front of a thrilled audience. They are strictly regulated, and the welfare of the animals is the top priority: the cows decide themselves whether they want to fight or not.

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Stamps			
Single stamp	A296 150	A296 550	1.00
Block of four	A296 160	A296 560	4.00
Sheet of 20 stamps	A296 111	A296 511	20.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A296 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A296 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A296 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A296 640	A296 650	1.80

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Single stamp on first-day cover C6. First-day cover motif with embossed printing.

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Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 194×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13½
Design	Barbara Seiler, Visp

Puck

Team

Ice Hockey World Championship in Switzerland

In 1920, Switzerland took part in an Ice Hockey World Championship for the very first time. 100 years later, the country is hosting the 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. From 8 to 24 May, the 16 best ice hockey nations in the world will be competing for the coveted world championship title in Zurich and Lausanne.

Switzerland and the sport of ice hockey – now there's a history that's steeped in tradition. The fastest, most dynamic team sport in the world beguiles fans and brings them to the stadiums in droves.
The most recent successes enjoyed by the Swiss national team are also generating a positive atmosphere and a lot of anticipation. That's why the slogan for the upcoming championship is "Let's make history".

We have created two special stamps: the 85-cent face value stamp depicts the moment in which a hockey player tries for a goal. The goalie's perspective is rarely seen, and it is this angle that makes the motif so interesting.

On the 1-franc stamp, sportsmanship takes center stage: the five players are in motion, reflecting team spirit and the power and speed that are so typical of ice hockey.
As for the colour scheme, both motifs are simplified to red and black. This helps them to stand out from the background, which is in cool tones of blue and grey. This background depicts the host nation of Switzerland with the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains.

For a list of fixtures and more information, visit: **2020.iihfworlds.com**

Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 27.2.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 5.3.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 40×32.5 mm Sheet: 100×228 mm (open), 100×114 mm (folded), 5 rows of 2 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm²
Perforation	Serpentine cut (4 sides)
Design	Micha Seger, Zurich

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A299 150	A299 550	1.85
Set of blocks of four	A299 160	A299 560	7.40
Sheet of 10 stamps			
0.85 Puck	A299 361	A299 381	8.50
1.00 Team	A299 362	A299 382	10.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A299 580	2.75
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A299 600	3.65
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A299 630	9.20
Unstamped cover C6	A299 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A299 640	A299 650	2.65

A competition with great prizes all about the Ice Hockey World Championship can be found at swisspost.ch/stamps.

Special stamp

125 years National Library

Scan the stamp with the Post-App scanner and bring it to life!

What does a diver have to do with the Swiss National Library? It's simple: you can truly dive into the sea of knowledge that the National Library has to offer in its collection of books, prints, websites, magazines, audio materials and more, and you can uncover new worlds.

This surprising motif adorns the special stamp dedicated to the anniversary of the National Library. It celebrates the sheer variety that this institution has to offer. Going by the motto "All about Switzerland", the National Library has been gathering all sorts of publications from and about Switzerland for 125 years, including both printed and audio materials, and now of course digital materials as well. This makes it so much more than your conventional library. Here, you can get engrossed, research, explore, browse and discover – a veritable dive into all the knowledge the library provides.

The stamp aims to depict the tightrope walk the National Library is performing between analogue media and digital media. You can scan it using the Post-App, and this will make the image start to move. With this augmented reality effect, you can discover so much more on the stamp.

Exterior view of the Swiss National Library in Berne.
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Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 27.2.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 5.3.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 140×194 mm (5 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Rina Jost, Frauenfeld

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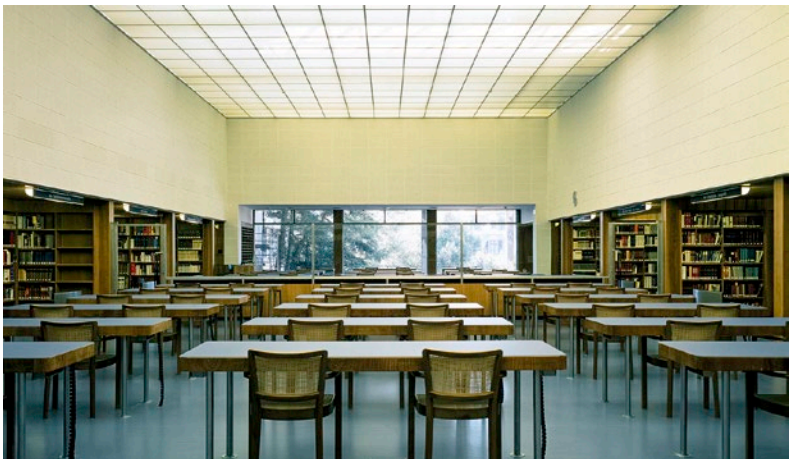

The reading room at the Swiss National Library
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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A303 150	A303 550	1.00
Block of four	A303 160	A303 560	4.00
Sheet of 20 stamps	A303 111	A303 511	20.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A303 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A303 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A303 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A303 640	A303 650	1.80

150 years Swiss Fire Brigade Association

The Swiss Fire Brigade Association was founded 150 years ago. Our special stamp is designed to show gratitude to the 85,000 men and women who work to keep their fellow human beings safe.

Firefighters in Switzerland are poised day and night to rescue fellow citizens and to avert any loss or damage. Some of these firefighters are of course professionals, but the vast majority of them (over 98%) are from the militia. The Swiss Fire Brigade Association (SFV) represents the interests of these individuals. It provides training and networking, works in public relations and also has substantial dealings with the organization Feuerwehr Koordination Schweiz (FKS), authorities, partner organizations and politicians. The Swiss Fire Brigade Association also aspires to help shape specialized training and transfer knowledge nationwide.

This special stamp seeks to reinforce the positive image of the fire brigade. The historical aspect is illustrated with an image from the past: in the foreground, we see a firefighter in modern gear, and in the background, we see a firefighter in a traditional uniform.

Firefighters and the service they provide are at the heart of the anniversary. This milestone year, which will include 12 separate events all across Switzerland, is intended as a thank you to all those 85,000 firefighters who provide a service for the public benefit. Two of the anniversary's highlights include the open day/night, which attracted large numbers of visitors throughout Switzerland back in late August 2019, and the anniversary parade of 150 fire engines, including some vintage vehicles, which is set to be held in the city of Zurich on 10 May 2020.

For up-to-date information on all the events taking place in the anniversary year, please visit the Swiss Fire Brigade Association website: **swissfire.ch/anniversary**

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Stamps			
Single stamp	A300 150	A300 550	1.00
Block of four	A300 160	A300 560	4.00
Sheet of 20 stamps	A300 111	A300 511	20.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A300 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A300 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A300 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A300 640	A300 650	1.80
Souvenir picture			
Picture print with 2 special stamps, framed		A300 990	59.00

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150 Jahre Schweizerischer Feuerwehrverband
150 ans de la Fédération suisse des sapeurs-pompiers
150 anni della Federazione svizzera dei pompieri
150 years Swiss Fire Brigade Association

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
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Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheet: 140×194 mm (5 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Philipp Gurtner, Berne

"150 years of service – the fire brigade in pictures"

In keeping with this theme and the Swiss Fire Brigade Association's long history, a limited-edition print with two special stamps (1970 and 2020) is also available, cancelled with the first-day cancellation dated 5 March 2020 and presented in a silver frame.
The print is on high-quality paper (250 g/m²). The page size is 210 × 300 mm, and the image size is approx. 150 × 210 mm. The page comes in a stylish picture frame of approx. 240 × 330 mm.
The background image is a section of the current special stamp in sepia and was created by designer Philipp Gurtner from Berne. Both special stamps represent the long history of the association.
The print is delivered with a frame in a cardboard slip case. The selling price is CHF 59, including shipping costs within Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein. Unfortunately, deliveries cannot be made abroad.

150 Jahre Schweizerischer Feuerwehrverband
150 ans de la Fédération suisse des sapeurs-pompiers
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Symbolic photo

Special stamp

2000 years Solothurn town

Between 15 and 25 AD, the Romans built a connecting road from Aventicum (Avenches) to Vindonissa (Windisch). Where it crossed the River Aare, they built a settlement which they named "Salodurum". This historical event marks the birth of the town of Solothurn.

The festivities marking this 2,000-year anniversary are set to last the entire year and will include a number of concerts, theatre productions, book launches and a large festival in the old town.

The special stamp sheetlet shows a photo taken from the River Aare, which is a transport route and the lifeline of the city. The stamp itself is designed as an illustration and shows St Ursus Cathedral, built between 1762 and 1773, with its imposing tower and its onion dome. The tower is 6 × 11 m high and houses 11 bells.
The history of the town is inextricably linked to the number 11: Solothurn is listed as the 11th state in the Swiss Confederation and it is home to 11 churches and chapels, 11 fountains and 11 towers. The list goes on with 11 guilds, 11 bailiwicks, 11 canons and 11 chaplains. The number 11 is represented on the special stamp, with 11 fish in the River Aare. You can also see the town coat of arms, as well as the local mountain in the background, the Weissenstein mountain with its health resort.

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A301 150	A301 550	1.00
Block of four	A301 160	A301 560	4.00
Sheetlet of 9 stamps	A301 311	A301 351	9.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A301 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A301 630	4.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A301 590	10.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets C6 (162×114 mm) C5 (229×162 mm)	 A301 700 A301 701		 0.90 1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A301 640	A301 650	1.80
Maximum card			
Maximum card A6, featuring the special stamp "2000 years Solothurn town" at CHF 1.00 (plus CHF 1.00 for the card). Cancelled with the first-day cancellation.		A301 851	2.00
Picture postcard			
The maximum card motif is also available without an affixed and cancelled stamp.	A301 911		1.00

Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 27.2.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 5.3.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheetlet: 192×115 mm (3 rows of 3 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Remo Fringeli, Zuchwil

Sheetlet of 9 stamps

To mark the town's anniversary, a number of different events will be taking place in Solothurn. You can find detailed information at: **2000-jahre-solothurn.ch**

Maximum card

Special stamp
with surcharge

100th anniversary of Pro Infirmis

At first glance, something looks wrong: no matter how you affix the Pro Infirmis anniversary stamp, one of the faces and half of the text are always upside down. There is no such thing as up or down and right or wrong – just as there is no such thing as disabled or non-disabled.

Pro Infirmis, Switzerland's biggest professional organization dedicated to serving people with disabilities, was founded in Olten in 1920. It campaigns for a coherent disability policy based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and is a competence center for issues relating to disability. Its objective is an inclusive society in which everyone is accepted for who they are and where diversity is seen as a strength. After all, if everyone is able to participate in everyday life without any barriers and is allowed to blossom, we all reap the rewards.
There are 1.8 million people living with a disability in Switzerland. Pro Infirmis supports them in their everyday lives and promotes their self-determination.

In the future, too, the organization wants to continue speaking and working with those directly affected and their relatives and to bring dialogue to the fore.
The special stamp has a face value of CHF 1 and a surcharge of CHF 0.50. Most of this will go to Pro Infirmis, and 10% will go to the postage stamp fund for cultural and social commitment run by Swiss Post.

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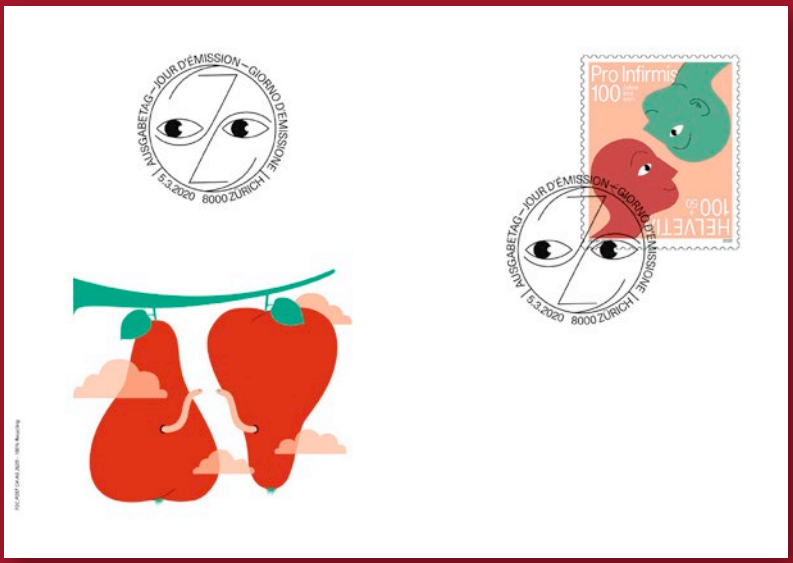
Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A298 150	A298 550	1.50
Block of four	A298 160	A298 560	6.00
Sheet of 16 stamps	A298 111	A298 511	24.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A298 580	2.40
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A298 630	6.90
Unstamped cover C6	A298 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A298 640	A298 650	2.30



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 27.2.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 5.3.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 3-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 32.5×40 mm Sheet: 162×190 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13¼:13¼
Design	Anna Haas, Zurich

Pro Infirmis advises people with disabilities and their families in all areas of life.
© Dominique Meienberg / Pro Infirmis

Pro Infirmis runs advice centers throughout Switzerland and supports people with disabilities and their relatives in all areas of life by providing a range of services and speedy emergency assistance without any red tape. Pro Infirmis fights discrimination against people with disabilities and campaigns for their inclusion in society and their self-determination. The organization wants to reach this objective by working together with those affected. As a charitable association based in Zurich, Pro Infirmis is politically independent and is not affiliated with any particular denomination. More detailed information can be found on the website **proinfirmis.ch**.

125 years Swiss Football Association

It was pupils at English private schools who introduced football – a sport that contained elements of rugby in its early years – to Switzerland. The year 1895 saw the founding of the "Swiss Football Association", the current football association in Switzerland.

The founding members of the Swiss Football Association (SFA) were three Lausanne-based clubs and two Zurich-based clubs, followed by clubs from Geneva, Neuchâtel, Yverdon, Basel and St.Gallen. Nine years after it was founded, the SFA was one of seven national associations that founded the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) in 1904.

Nowadays, the SFA is the umbrella organization for Swiss football, making it one of the most important sporting associations in the country. It is split up into three divisions: the Swiss Football League (Raiffeisen Super League and Brack.ch Challenge League), the Erste Liga (Promotion League and 1. Liga) and amateur leagues going down to the 5. Liga. The association comprises a total of 1,389 clubs, 14,206 teams and 273,644 licensed players.

The CHF 1 franc special stamp marking the 125th anniversary of the SFA depicts a ball with the classic combination of pentagonal and hexagonal leather patches. The ball is an elegant anniversary gold on a background that is the green shade of a football pitch.

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Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information	
Sales	Philately: from 27.2.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last Branches: from 5.3.2020 to 31.3.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 5.3.2020
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheetlet: 192×115 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²
Perforation	13½:13¼
Design	Maria-Sol Burgener, Berne

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A297 150	A297 550	1.00
Block of four	A297 160	A297 560	4.00
Sheetlet of 8 stamps	A297 311	A297 351	8.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A297 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A297 630	4.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A297 591	9.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A297 700		0.90
C5 (229×162 mm)	A297 701		1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A297 640	A297 650	1.80

International stamp exhibitions 2019

Order as a set now

Sindelfingen, Paris, Verona – once again, the exhibition locations sounded enticing in 2019. Swiss Post attended the following five philately exhibitions abroad over the past year:

9–11 May 2019
29th International Stamp Fair in Essen (DE)

24–26 October 2019
International Stamp Fair in Sindelfingen (DE)

7–9 November 2019
73rd Autumn Philatelic Exhibition in Paris (FR)

8–10 November 2019
Multilateral Stamp Exhibition Luxembourg 2019 (LUX)

22–24 November 2019
Veronafil 2019 in Verona (IT)

Special cards and covers were issued for each of these events and sold at the venues. If you were unable to visit one of these exhibitions, you can of course order the products afterwards as a set.

Product	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Year set of cards		
Year set of 5 A5 cards from the Essen, Sindelfingen, Paris, Luxembourg and Verona stamp fairs	A305 450	14.55
Year set of covers		
Year set of 5 C6 covers from the Essen, Sindelfingen, Paris, Luxembourg and Verona stamp fairs	A305 451	14.55

Exhibition cards

Exhibition covers

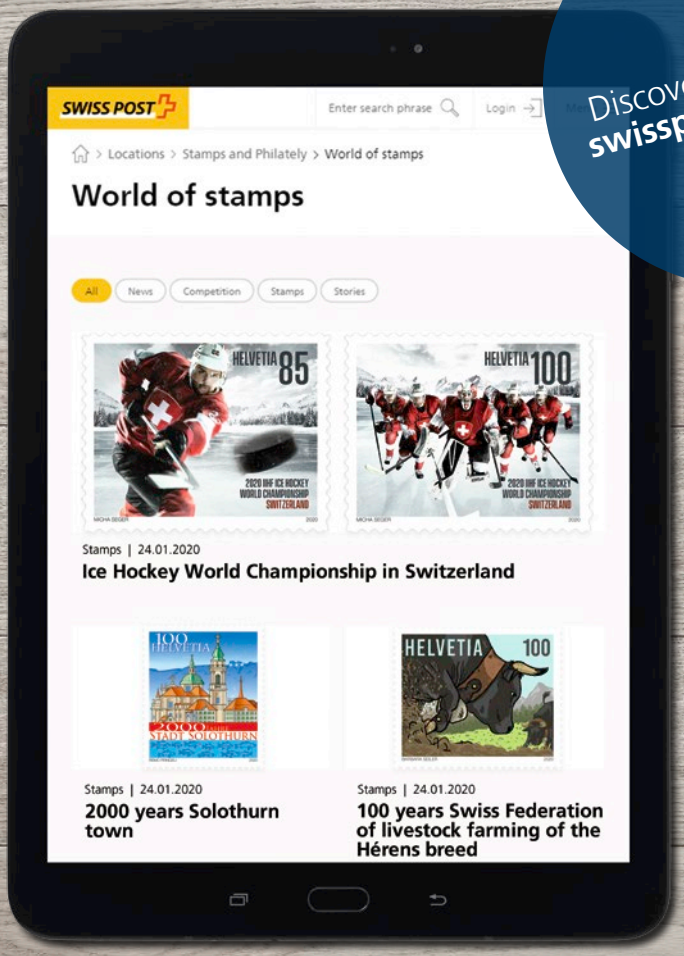
Colourful stamps

Issue set with single stamps 1/2020

Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 1/2020

Annual and special products	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Issue set with single stamps 1/2020			
The single stamps, sets and miniature sheet in the 1/2020 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping.	A306 150	A306 550	10.20
Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 1/2020			
The first-day covers with the single stamps, sets and miniature sheet in the 1/2020 issue are combined in one free cover.		A306 580	18.40
2019 year book			
Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents all Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2019, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (de/fr/it/en).	A283 830	A283 831	69.00
2019 year set			
All Swiss stamps for 2019, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve.	A284 320	A284 820	60.80
2019 year set with first-day covers (FDC)			
All the year's first-day covers – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations.		A284 530	94.20

2020 stamp catalogues	Item no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2020, German/French	A273 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
Switzerland 2020, German/French	A273 787	27.00
The stamp catalogues can be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.		



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